



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

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### GENERAL JOHN W. HANDY

Gen. John W. Handy is Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, and Commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. USTRANSCOM is the single manager for global air, land and sea transportation for the Department of Defense.

General Handy was commissioned in 1967 and received his pilot wings in 1968. He has commanded the 21st Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base; the Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center; two airlift wings and a maintenance squadron. He has served as the Director of Operations and Logistics for USTRANSCOM; the Air Force's Director of Programs and Evaluations; and Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

The general is a command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours, principally in airlift aircraft. As a C-130 pilot, he logged more than 300 combat hours in Southeast Asia. Prior to assuming his current position, the general was Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.



### **EDUCATION:**

1966 Bachelor's degree in history, Methodist College, Fayetteville, N.C.  
1972 Squadron Officer School  
1979 Air Command and Staff College  
1979 Master's degree in systems management, University of Southern California  
1982 Air War College  
1984 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.  
1993 Program for Senior Executives, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command pilot  
Flight hours: More than 5,000  
Aircraft flown: C-130, C-141, C-17, C-37, C-7A, C-9 and KC-10

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Distinguished Service Medal  
Distinguished Service Medal  
Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster  
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Air Medal with oak leaf cluster  
Antarctica Service Medal  
Vietnam Service Medal with three service stars  
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation  
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm

**OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

1992 Honorary doctor of humanities, Methodist College

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Jan 4, 1967
First Lieutenant	Jul 4, 1968
Captain	Jan 4, 1970
Major	Apr 2, 1978
Lieutenant Colonel	Nov 1, 1981
Colonel	Nov 1, 1984
Brigadier General	Oct 1, 1991
Major General	Sep 28, 1994
Lieutenant General	Aug 1, 1997
General	Jul 1, 2000

(Current as of February 2004)